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"Memorandum to DCI"

17 July 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparations for the 18 July DCI/NIO Meeting
and the 19 July Presidential Briefing

1. Attached are packages on the following topics.
 - A. Soviet/Cuban Options in Southern Africa. This is the subject of your meeting with the NIOs tomorrow. I recommend that you start off with some comment to the effect of, "This is an example of one of our jobs, to carefully examine even unlikely contingencies that might present particular opportunities or dangers to the US. We need to do more of this rather than doing more and more refined presentations of the most likely courses of events." After the meeting I'll boil down the talking points.
 - B. Lebanon. This contains some material that you may want to peruse. I conclude from the meeting today that if you address this at all with the President you want to do it very carefully so as to avoid making policy proposals. Rather I think the basic thrust would have to be to give the President a background to question the assumptions on which current policy is based. It will take a week or so to prepare for this properly. Do you want us to proceed with it? *yes*
 - C. [REDACTED] This contains some talking points based on your markup of the [REDACTED] debriefing on Africa in case you want to touch on this. + *also on clandest*
 - D. Soviet Air Defense. This contains a rough condensation. We'll keep working on it.
 - E. Terrorism. This also contains a rough condensation based on today's pre-brief.

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2. In addition the following topics are being followed for your use on Wednesday.

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- A. Congressional Reaction to Presidential Initiative on Leak Prevention. OLC will prepare a short summary.
- B. [REDACTED] OLC is assembling the data you requested and will advise you if there are any loose ends to be tied up with the President.
- C. [REDACTED] DDO will provide a short statement on this topic.

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Attachments

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Preparations for PRC-Vietnam Relations Briefing

Attached is some background material for your preparations.

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